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Apr. 17, 1897..Aurora, TX: An airship supposedly crashed into Judge Proctor's (nonexistent) windmill and disgorged the mangled body of a little man believed, for unspecified reasons, to hail from the planet Mars. This (supposedly) turned out to be a publicity stunt for the town, whose population and economy were on the decline.

1922.....County Donegal, Ireland: Irish Republic Army man,

Lawrence Bradley, wrote to the editor of "Watford and West-Hersts Post" magazine (4/30/64) that while he was fighting a scattered rear-guard, mostly in the mountains of Donegal, he came upon a cave with vegetation at the entrance that had been scorched. The only occupants in the cave were the sick and the wounded that had been unable to walk. The six able-bodied soldiers that were looking after them said they had been awakened early pre-dawn by a whirring noise outside of the cave and had fired their rifles in the direction of the noise, thinking that it was an armored car. Suddenly the object retaliated by firing jets of flame at the cave entrance. After near suffocation, the soldiers ran out to see the flame throwing UFO ascending into the sky. Clearly visible, it was circular in shape and glowing and of a shiny metal.

Feb. 26, 1942..SECRET MEMO to the President from Chief of Staff, C.G. Marshall stating: UFOs appeared over Los Angeles, CA, yesterday morning. The 37th Brigade (AA) expended 1430 rounds of ammunition against them. No bombs dropped, no casualties among our troops, no planes (UFOs) shot down, no AA or Navy planes were in action. (AA Document, OCS 21347-86.)

1944.....During WW II, E.L. (initials), serving as Carpenter Mate, 1st Class, Hqt. Co. 112th Construction Battalion, came across a landed saucer near a wooded ridge, near the beach of Kaneohe, Oahu, Hawaii. Description: 50 ft. diam.; metallic; looked like an igloo; topped with a clear glass dome about a foot high with a gold colored weather vane-like device spinning inside.

Sep. 4, 1946...TOP SECRET MEMO, to NO?- Mr. Morgan, from CON- Mr. Lyon stating: 800 reports (of UFOs) have been reported with new ones coming in daily from Sweden. Full details of these reports have been forwarded to Wash., D.C. by our Military and Naval Attaches.

Jan. 1947..... W.H. (initials) of Yucca Valley, Calif., while still serving in the U.S. Navy, was on leave with C.C.(initials) who was just out of the U.S. army. While they were looking for desert property to buy they came upon the Papagos Indian Reservation, north of the rugged Superstition Mtns. west of Globe, Arizona. While traveling on a dirt trail, they came upon a group of military personnel guarding a crashed saucer half buried in the sand. Description: Disc shaped with a domed top; about 30 ft. diam.; two rings on its outer edge which seemed to have windows between them. There was no evidence of an encampment or heavy equipment.

June 24, 1947..A civilian pilot, Kenneth Arnold, reports seeing 9 flying saucers flying in formation at an altitude of 9200 feet and at almost 1700 mph. He estimated them to be 20 to 25 miles away from him and between 45 to 50 feet long.

Jul. 2, 1947...Magdalene, N.M.: Mr. Barnett sighted a shiny object out in the desert and, upon investigation, came upon a crashed disc-shaped object, 9 meters (30 ft.) across. Later a military truck arrived to supervise the investigation of the crash site. Barnett saw dead bodies strewn about the crash site. They weren't wearing military uniforms,

and in fact didn't even look human. Seen from a distance, the bodies had on silvery suits and appeared to be about 3 ft. tall.

July 7, 1947...SECRET operation to recover a crashed saucer in New Mexico 75 miles northwest of Roswell Army Air Base (RAAF).

(see 7/2/47;7/8/47)

July 8, 1947...FBI, Dallas, sends teletype to director of FBI stating that a flying saucer crashed this date and was recovered near Roswell, N. M. RECOVERY B1-G,19. July 8, 1947...The Roswell Army Air Force captured a downed flying saucer near Roswell, N.M. according to Maj. Marcel as reported by the Roswell Daily Record. Maj. J. A. Marcel was intelligence officer at RAAF at the time.

July 8, 1947...URGENT FBI MEMO from Gen. Roger Ramey concerning "flying disc information": "Maj. Curtan, HQ 8th AF, telephonically advised this office that an object purporting to be a flying disc was recovered near Roswell, N.M., this date...Information provided this office because of national interest in case and fact that (certain media sources) attempting to break the story of location of disc today...(the recovered disc was) being transported to Wright Field by special plane for examination...Maj. Curtan advised would request Wright Field to advise (FBI) results of examination." (see 7/2/47;7/7/47)

Jul. 10, 1947..FBI MEMO: Gen. George F. Schulgen organizes top

scientists to determine if the flying discs are indeed fact and whether or not they are a foreign body mechanically devised and controlled. He desired the assistance of the FBI in locating and questioning the individuals who firstsighted the discs. Col. L. R. Forney of MID indicated that it has been established that the flying discs are not the result of any Army or Navy experiments and should be of interest to the FBI.

July 12, 1947..In a declassified statement, Kenneth Arnold points out why the unidentified discs he saw couldn't have been mirages: "I observed these objects not only through the glass of my airplane but turned my airplane sideways where I could open my window and observe them with a completely unobstructed view (without sunglasses)." Jul. 15, 1947..MEMO to Mr. Ladd with a handwritten note from J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI stating, "...before agreeing (to the investigation of crashed saucers)...we must insist upon full access to discs recovered. For instance in the Soc. (Socorro, N.M.) case the Army grabbed it and would not let us have it for cursory examination. July, 1947.....Conclusion to an FBI/ARMY INTELLIGENCE REPORT: Based on a detailed study of the Kenneth Arnold case (6/24/47) and 15 other UFO encounters during the first month of the "flying saucer" mystery the conclusion is "this flying saucer situation is not all imaginary or seeing too much in some natural phenomenon. Something is really flying around." (This report was declassified FOIA, 1976. see 6/24/47;9/23/47) Mid July, 1947. In a paper by U.S. Navy Physicist, Dr. Bruce Maccabee, he stated: "...the Air Force knew by the middle of

July, 1947 that saucers were real Flying Saucers are REAL! and not manmade...the technology represented by the (recovered) disc...was so far beyond our own that it could not be understood immediately...Therefore it would be necessary to treat the disc as a military secret. This would mean containing all information about it within some small group." [Date of this Navy paper not mentioned.] (see 1/31/49)

Nov. 30, 1947..In a TOP SECRET DOCUMENT, Dr. Bronk's scientific team classifies extraterrestrials as EBE's (Extra Biological Entities).

Sept. 19,1947..The recovered crashed saucer in New Mexico is determined to be a short range reconnaissance craft (from a mother ship).

Sept. 23,1947..SECRET BRIEFING DOCUMENT to Brig. General George Schulgen,AC/AS-2, from Lt. Gen. Nathan F. Twining (MJ-4), Commanding Officer, AMC, stating: Flying Saucers are REAL! Concerning "Flying Discs" the phenomenon reported is something real, not fictitious. These objects approximate the shape of a disc and appear to be as large as man-made aircraft. They have operating characteristics such as extreme rate of climb and maneuverability. Under a Security Code Name copies of this information will be sent to Army, Navy, AEC, JRDB, SAG, NACA, RAND and NEPA Projects. (AAF Record, U-39552. see 7/47;9/15/50;8/54) Sept. 24,1947..A covert operation, MAJESTIC-12, is established and classified TOP SECRET by President H. Truman. It consists of 12 persons selected to control all branches of government,

both military and non-military. This ultimately led to silencing of UFO witnesses, confiscating of UFO photos, harassing and debunking of witnesses (ref. "Black Budget"; JMP letter see 2/15/87;9/4/87)

Dec. 30, 1947..Project SIGN formed to obtain information about saucer performance characteristics and their purpose on earth. B1-G,23

1948.....Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt stated: "With the Soviets practically eliminated as a UFO source the idea of interplanetary spaceships was becoming more popular." [Exact date of statement not mentioned.]

Jan. 7, 1948...Maysville, KN: The local Highway Patrol are notified that an UFO has been sighted high up in the sky and they notify Godman AFB of the sighting...At 1:45 pm T. Sgt. Quinton Blackwell visually scanned the skies south of Godman AFB and picked out a dim light in the hazy sky. By the time base commander Col. Guy Hix arrived at 2:20 pm the UFO looked like "an ice cream cone" through binoculars. About 20 minutes later 4 National Guard aircraft flew into the vicinity with Capt. Thomas Mantell in one of the F-51s.

Jan. 7, 1948...(TS REPORT 100-203-79,p.12,sec. k.) Capt. Thomas Mantell, a Nat. Guard pilot, was killed trying to chase an UFO up to 30,000 ft. His last message to the tower was, "it appears to be metallic object....of tremendous size....directly ahead and slightly above....I am trying to close for a better look." (The F-51 exploded in mid-air and disintegrated before it struck the ground. State Police

estimated the saucer to be 250 ft. diam.)

Feb. 13, 1948..Crash/Recovery at Aztec, N.M. Dr. Gee (actually GeBauer) claimed to have been with the recovery team when 16 little human-like beings were found dead aboard a crashed saucer in N.M. According to Jerome Clark, Gebauer and Silas Newcomb were later arrested for trying to sell "worthless" UFO hardware. (No release date from prison?)

Mar. 25, 1948..The Army OSI and the IPU put on Red Alert and the ADC activated the local military units when a UFO crashed in the vicinity of Aztec, N.M. When the saucer got into range of a Special High-Powered radar at the Four Corners Range (Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado) it began to flutter and wobble from side-to-side and took a trajectory towards the ground. It seems that the beam from this special radar had an ill-effect on the control system of the saucer. The 100 ft. saucer crash-landed on Mr. H.D.'s (initials) property. H.D. and family were sworn to secrecy. (see 3/22/50)

1948.....Capt. "Posty" Postlethwaite of G-2 Air, cleared for Top Secret, received a TOP SECRET incoming TWX from 3rd Army Headquarters, Atlanta, directed to the Commanding General, White Sands Proving grounds. Message: Crash of a 100 ft. diam. saucer, 30 ft. ht.; one portal window blown; 5 Aliens suffocated; each Alien approx. 4 ft. in ht., oversized heads; hull of craft paper-thin but impenetrable by conventional tools. Private property purchased to facilitate movement of recovered disc. (see 3/25/48)

Apr. 5, 1948...(TS REPORT 100-203-79, p.12,Sec. L.) 3 trained balloon observers from the Geophysics Lab., N.J., sighted UFO travelling very fast and it appeared to execute violent maneuvers at high speed.

Apr. 30, 1948..(TS REPORT 100-203-79, p.12,Sec. M.) Lt. Comdr. Marcus L. Lowe while on a flight observed a yellow or light colored sphere 25 to 40 ft. diam. moving at a speed of approx. 100 mph against wind.

June 15, 1948..(TS REPORT 100-203-79,p.12,Sec.P-2) Mr. Booneville observed a reddish glow with a jet exhaust in the vicinity of Miles City, Montana. Made no sound, travelled at twice the speed of conventional aircraft.

July 1, 1948...(TS REPORT 100-203-79, p.12,Sec. N.) Maj. Hammer, Rapid City Air Base, reported seeing 12 discs over the base. These disks were oval-shapedand about 100 ft. diam., speed in excess of 500 mph. Made 30 and 40 degree climbing turn, accelerating very rapidly out of sight.

July 17, 1948..(TS REPORT 100-203-79, p.12,Sec. O) Kirtland AFB reported 7 UFOs flying a "J" formation in the vicinity of San Acacia, N.M., at altitude of 20,000 ft. Formation varied from "J" to "L" to "O" after passing zenith. Est. speed 1500 mph.

July 20, 1948..(TS REPORT 100-203-79,p.12,Sec.Q) A.D. Otter and his daughter Arnham, in the Netherlands, sight UFO similar to the UFO

sighted on July 25, 1948, by two Eastern Airlines pilots. (see 7/25/48)

July 25, 1948..(TS REPORT 100-203-79,p.12,sec.Q) Two Eastern Airlines pilots reported seeing an object like a huge V-2 Rocket pass their jet. Sighted 4 times through scattered clouds and unlimited visibility, travelling at high speed and high altitude. Description: Appeared wingless, had two decks, and made a sound similar to that of a V-2. (see 7/20/48;8/3/48;1/31/50)

Aug. 3, 1948...(TS REPORT 100-203-79,p.12,Sec.R) UFO sighted over Moscow that is similar to the UFO sighted on July 25, 1948, by two Eastern Airlines pilots. (see 7/25/48) MOSCOW

Sep. 12, 1948..(TS REPORT 100-203-79,p.12,Sec.P-1) Pilot and Co-pilot of a Pan Am aircraft en route from Midway to Honolulu, saw a blue-white light approaching, changing to twin reddish glows upon withdrawal. Est. speed: 1000knots.

Oct. 1, 1948...(TS REPORT 100-203-79,p.12,Sec.S) 2nd Lt. George F. Gorman (North Dakota Air Nat. Guard), sighted a UFO 3000 ft. below him while he was flying his F-51 at 4500 ft. The pilot pursued the UFO which took evasive tactics. The UFO out-turned, out-speeded and out-climbed the F-51 in every attempt at intercept. The pilot lost contact with the UFO.

Oct. 15, 1948..JAPAN, an F-61 "Black Widow" fighter tracked an UFO on

radar and tried to intercept it 6 times without success. It would speed up from 200 mph to 1200 mph, leaving the interceptor behind. Description: shaped like a rifle bullet and apparently 20 to 30 feet long.

Nov. 18, 1948..Report from Project SIGN, incident No. 207 in Blue Book files: at approx. 2200 hours, Lt. Henry G. Combs (AFRes) spotted an oval shaped UFO while flying in a T-6 plane. The UFO accelerated rapidly from 80 mph to 500 or 600 mph. It remained under observation for some 10 minutes. The UFO displayed "evasive controlled tactics and an ability to perform tight circles, quick variation of air speed, vertical ascents and evasive movements." This occurred over Andrews AFB.

Nov. 23, 1948..Wire Report from GERMANY to Project SIGN: Capt. (blank) is an experienced pilot and completely reliable. While flying an F-80 over a US Air Base in the Fursten-Feldbruck arce REPORT No. 100-203-79 issued. (see 1/7/48 thru 11/1/48)

Dec. , 1948....Project SIGN evolves into Project GRUDGE and is conducted under the code name BLUE BOOK. The liaison between Project GRUDGE and MJ-12 is the Air Force officer in head of BLUE BOOK. (Capt. Ruppelt?)(see 3/52)

Jan. 6, 1949...Rocket shaped UFO sighted near Los Alamos, N.M. (see 1/31/49;7/25/48)

Jan. 13, 1949..CONFIDENTIAL 4th Army MESSAGE: Col. Eustis L. Poland stated: "Un conventional Aircraft" have been sighted (see Report, Control No.A-1917). Possible Radiological warfare tests are being made over sensitive Bases in New Mexico area. A foreign power may be making "sensing shots" with some super-stratosphere devise designed to be self-disentegrating.

Jan. 31, 1949..CONFIDENTIAL Army Staff MESSAGE: Approx. 30 people sighted UFOs on Jan. 30, 1949. Estimate at least 100 total sightings. Sightings reported from El Paso, Alburquerque, Alamogordo, Roswell, Socorro, and other locations. All sightings appear to be of the same object viewed from different angles. Will attempt to locate the impact point, if any. (Possible search teams in UFOs.)

Jan. 31, 1949..MEMO, DIRECTOR OF FBI: Flying Saucers have been discussed by the OSI, FBI and the Fourth ARMY and is "considered TOP SECRET by Intelligence Officers of both the Army and the Air Forces." It was thought that the first UFOs over Sweden were of Russian origin. MEMO also makes reference to the Eastern Airlines sighting of July 25, 1948. Also, on 10 different days, between 12/05/48 and 01/06/49, sightings of UFOs were concentrated over the A.E.C. plant at Los Alamos, N.M. (Circulation of this MEMO to: El Paso, Little Rock, Dallas, Oklahoma City. see 7/25/48;7/47;8/4/50)

Feb. 4, 1949...CONFIDENTIAL Army Staff MESSAGE dated Jan. 31, 1949 read by OSI: "all out investigation of possible crashed saucer, OK'd."

Feb., 1949.....Part of the Final Report of Project SIGN, written by Prof. George Valley, of MIT stating: "If there is an extraterrestrial civilisation which can make objects as are reported, then it is most probable that its development is far in advance of ours...such a civilisation might observe that on earth we now have atomic bombs and are fast developing rockets. In view of the past history of mankind, they would be alarmed. We should, therefore, expect at this time above all to behold such visitations."

Apr. 24, 1949..Arrey, NM: Aerologist Charles B. Moore, Jr., while tracking a weather baloon for General Mills Co. with a theodolite suddenly noticed an UFO rapidly crossing the sky. He and 4 other technicians turned the 25 power theodolite to track the UFO. It was a featureless ellipse, its length about 2-1/2 times its width. After about 60 seconds the object dissappeared in a sharp climb. Based on measurements with the mountain range behind it, it was calculated to be going between 18,000 mph and 25,000 mph (in the atmosphere!).

May 22, 1949...Secretary Forrestal (MJ-3) is found dead after falling 16 floors from an insane assylum window. [He was supposedly shouting, "we're being invaded!" before he fell to his death.] June 10, 1949..White Sands, NM: Scientists tracking a test missile at 2,000 ft/ second suddenly picked up two small circular UFOs that paced the missile. One of the UFOs passed thru the missiles exhaust and rejoined the other UFO, and together they quickly accelerated upwards leaving the missile behind. Cmdr. McLaughlin received reports from 5 observation posts: ALL had witnessed the performance of the 2 circular

UFOs.

Jan. 16, 1950..CLASSIFIED USAF Staff Message: At a radar station near New Mexico a person reported seeing 2 saucers. One was badly damaged the other almost perfectly intact. Description: Each consisted of 2 parts, a cockpit or cabin about 6 ft. diam.; a ring approx. 18 ft. across and 2 ft. thick surrounding cabin, resembling aluminum, but actual metal has defied analysis by the Dearborn Plant. 2 crew members in the damaged ship were charred but in the undamaged ship the 2 crew members were perfectly preserved.

Jan. 22, 1950..Kodiak, Alaska: U.S. Navy patrol plane pilot, Lt. Smith, was on routine security flight when he picked up a radar track on an UFO, two times. Smith then radioed Kodiak radar station and was advised that no known traffic was in his radar area. Moored south of Kodiak was the USS Tillamock with Master Morgan standing on watch. Suddenly, at 3 a.m., "a very fast moving red glow appeared to be of exhaust nature, seemed to come from the south-east, moved clockwise in a large circle in the direction of, and around Kodiak and returned out in a generally south-east direction. The UFO was moving so fast that it was actually leaving a streak on Smith's radar screen. It was estimated to be moving at a speed of 1800 mph. Described as "two orange lights rotating about a common center like two jet aircraft making slow rolls in tight formation." The UFO then made an abrupt turn and headed directly towards Smiths' aircraft in a threatening gesture so Smith quickly turned off all of his lights turn make his plane less conspicuous in the inky colored sky. The UFO flew by him

and disappeared in the south-east in a matter of minutes.

Jan. 31, 1950..Office MEMO, Director FBI, SAC, San Antonio: A UFO resembling a rocket ship without wings appeared out of a thunderhead of clouds narrowly missing an Eastern Airlines flight and disappeared into another cloud. It was travelling approx. 2700 mph and no sound or air disturbance was noted with it. During the past two months the UFO sightings appeared to be concentrated near Los Alamos, N.M. This UFO was also sighted near Los Alamos on Jan. 6, 1949. (see 7/25/48)

March. 22, 1950..FBI MEMO: 3 saucers recovered in New Mexico. Description: Circular with raised centers, approx. 50 ft. diam. Each one occupied by 3 bodies, only 3 ft. tall, dressed in metallic suite, taped like high-speed flyers. It is believed that a very high powered Radar Station interfered with their control mechanisms, causing them to crash. (see 3/25/48)

Mar. 22, 1950..Dept. Transportation, Ottawa, Canada, announces plans to build and test free energy geomagnetic engine. Also state that "Dr. Vannevar Bush heads Highest Secret saucer research group in the U.S.A.". Mar. 31, 1950..MEMO to Director, F.B.I. pertaining to flying saucers. Memo names a person in Denver, Colorado that claims to possess a UFO radio transmitter.

Aug. 1, 1950...Gen. Walter B. Smith fills the vacant MJ-3 position.

Aug. 4, 1950...CONFIDENTIAL MEMO from Lt. Colonel Mildren (G-3) to

Maj. U.G. Carlan (GSC Survey Section): Since July 30, 1950, UFOs have been sighted over the Hanford AEC Plant. Air Force jets fails to intercept them. FBI, anti-aircraft battalion, radar units and fighter squadrons alerted for further observation. Atomic Energy Commission still investigating.

Sep.15, 1950...Notes from a conference between Canadian, Wilbert Smith, and Dr. Robert Sarbacher, scientist reveals: Frank Sculleys' book, "Behind the Flying Saucers" is true and substantially correct. Flying Saucers do exist. The Government hasn't been able to duplicate their performance. It's pretty certain they didn't originate on the earth. The subject is the highest classified SECRET in the United States; two points higher than H-bomb research. (see 9/23/47; 1/26/53)

Oct. 6, 1950...CONFIDENTIAL MEMO, Headquarters, 5th Army Division: John de Reneaux photographed the saucer which crashed near Aztec, N.M. He said that "army officials" had attempted to take the photographs away from him but that he had given them another roll of film. In a further interview with the 5th Headquarters, de Reneaux denied any knowledge of the Aztec crash. (see 3/25/48)

Dec. 6, 1950...A second flying saucer crashes in El Indio-Guerrero area. The saucer is recovered and taken to the AEC facility at Sandia, N. M. 1950s, late....The so-called Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit (IPU) was disestablished and all records were transferred to the Air Force. (see 5/16/84)

Feb. 10, 1951..CONFIDENTIAL MEMO to Air Transport Squadron ONE: Lt. Graham E. Bethune, U.S. Naval Reserve reported seeing a circular, reddish-orange UFO flying at a speed in excess of 1000 mph, approx. 300 ft. diam. approaching and reversing direction within 5 miles of his plane (Flight 125 from Keflavik, Iceland.)

July 9, 1951...Pilot Lt. Kinmon sees and reports an UFO. (see 7/10/51)

July 10, 1951..CLASSIFIED OSI Message from Robins AFB, Macon: UFO sighted by Lt. George H. Kinmon Jr. on July 9, 1951. Description: Flat on top and bottom and appeared from front view to have rounded edges, slightly beveled. Color was white. When it dived from its position it appeared circular with a clockwise spinning motion. Appeared to have a fractured surface. No exhaust fumes or visible means of propulsion. At an approx. distance from his plane the UFO appeared to be 10 to 15 feet in diam. UFO caused air disturbance as it barrel-rolled under his plane. His nose camera malfunctioned.

Sep. 10,1951...CONFIDENTIAL Air Intell. REPORT: Maj. Ballard and Lt. Rogers while flying at 20,000 ft. in a T-33 spotted a disc-shaped UFO the size of an F-86 flying below them at 8000 ft. It was travelling much faster than they were (900+ mph). It was steady in flight, with no visible means of propulsion and shiny silver in color. The radar station at Ft. Monmouth plotted the same UFO on radar at 1110 EDT flying above 700 mph.

Oct., 1951.....Project GRUDGE is on hold, Intelligence Officer Capt.

Edward J. Ruppelt has been assigned to reshape the study and field mounting concern for the Pentagon.(see 12/48; 3/52)

Oct. 21, 1951..Air Intelligence Report: Mr. (name withheld), a civilian pilot of 14 years experience sighted a disk-like, highly polished UFO which closed head on with his Navy aircraft at an extremely high rate of speed near Battle Creek, MI. [Missed him, I guess!]

March, 1952....Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt recommends a new name for Project Grudge, "Project Blue Book". (see 12/48; 10/51)

Apr 25, 1952...UFO sighted flying over San Jose, CA, near Mt. Hamilton by two scientists, Dr. W (biochemist; name withheld) and Dr. Y (bacteriologist, name also withheld). Description of hovering disk: at about 50 ft. it appeared to be 4 to 5 ft. in diam. The wobble of the disk allowed them to estimateits' thickness to be approx. 1.5 ft. No sound or means of propulsion observed. Later they observed a higher flying silvery disc approx. 100 ft. in diam. Next to it more UFOs appeared and bobbed around like boats in a stream. The objects disappeared around 11:15 a.m. The two scientists decided not to report the incident to Moffett Field for fear of ridicule.

1952?.....SECRET SECURITY INFORMATION, CIA, (not dated): Walter B. Smith, (MJ-3 replacement), Director of CIA notifies the Psychological Strategy Board that "Flying Saucers" have implications for psychological warfare as well as for intelligence and operations.

Suggests discussion on the possible offensive or defensive utilization of these phenomena for psychological warfare purposes. (see 10/2/52)

May 10, 1952...RESTRICTED USAF Intelligence Report signed by Col. William L. Travis, Chief USAF Intelligence Division. stating: at 2030 hours, in the city of Paphos, S.W. Cypress, a group of persons including a noted British Scientist sighted an UFO which appeared to rise sharply from the level of the sea and disappeared into the sky. It was of a circular shape and emitted a luminous light. It appeared to waver back and forth before fading out of sight directly overhead.

June 4, 1952...RESTRICTED USAF Intelligence Report. Summer, 1952...While Operation INTERCEPT was in effect, two North American F-86 OPERATION INTERCEPT Sabre fighters were vectored onto a target UFO. The pilots had a broad daylight view of the UFO and fired tracer bullets at it before it accelerated out of range. The officer who fired the bullets was debriefed by his Colonel (name withheld) and the base commander told Capt. Ruppelt to destroy the report (according to Ruppelt himself).(see 7/52)

July 19, 1952..Washington, D.C.: Long range "overfly" RADAR picked up a formation of seven blips that were 15 miles south and not far from Andrews AFB. Radar operator, Ed Nugent, thought that they were military traffic until two of the targets suddenly accelerated at fantastic speeds and disappeared off the radar scope. These strange UFOs were monitored by Harry Barnes, Senior Controller, and controllers Howard Cocklin and Joe Zacko. Also, Andrews AFB had also

been tracking the UFOs as they intruded over the White House which was WASHINGTON Air Space restricted air space. The UFOs were traveling at speeds of up to 7000 mph before stopping abruptly and then cruising about in unconventional patterns. (see 7/26/52)

July 20, 1952..CLASSIFIED SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT (dated 7/23/52): 3 UFO spotted by 5 base personnel at Andrews AFB at 0030 hours EST. UFOs reddish orange in color, moving erratically at an undetermined altitude. Approach Control picked up another UFO at 0415 EST which was on the radar scope for 30 seconds before fading. Lt. Hyatt, Operations Officer during this period, said that he had been receiving "flying saucer" reports that evening and the objects had been picked up by radar.

July 23, 1952..In a letter to a Mr. Louis A. Gardner, Albert Einstein said with regards to UFOs, "those people have seen something. What they saw I do not know and I am not curious to know."

July 26, 1952..Washington, D.C.: Long range "overfly" RADAR picks more blips, just one week after the previous invasion of restricted air space over Washington, D.C. Capt. Ruppelt told Maj. Dewey Fournet to get over to the airport in Washington. Fournet was a radar specialist with Project HOLCOMBE and arrived at the airport with Al Chop, AF Press Officer, just in time to see the UFO blips on the radar sets and to hear ground-to-air conversations of the pilots of two F-94s vectored towards the UFOs.

July 28, 1952..Personal Minute from Prime Minister W.S. Churchil to Secretary of xxxxxxx Air Ministry stating: What does all this stuff about Flying Saucers amount to? What can it mean? What is the truth? Let me have a report at your convenience. (see 8/9/52)

July 29, 1952..SECRET, EYES ONLY MEMO to Deputy Director/Intelligence from Ralph L. Clark, Acting Assistant Director of Scientific Intelligence stating: In the past several weeks numerous UFOs have been sighted visually and on RADAR. This office (CIA) has maintained a continuing review of reputed sightings for the past three years and a SPECIAL GROUP has been formed to review the sightings to date. O/CI and O/SI will participate in this study and prepare a report on UFOs by August 15, 1952

End of July....1952...SECRET MEMO to Director, CIA, from H. Marshall Chadwell, Office of Scientific Intelligence stating: ATIC has set up a worldwide reporting network for Flying Saucers and major Air Force bases have been ordered to make INTERCEPTIONS of UFOs. Battello Memorial Institute is to handle machine indexing of all official reported sightings. From 1947 to Aug. 1, 1952...CIA MEMO from acting Chief of Weapons and Equipment

Division: "It is strongly urged, however, that no indication of CIA interest or concern reach the press or public."

Aug. 9, 1952...Reply from Air Ministry, Whitehall, S.W. to W.S. Churchill stating: All UFO sightings are either astronomical phenomena, mistaken sightings of balloons, birds, etc., optical illusions or hoaxes. The Americans have reached a similar

conclusion.(see 7/28/52)

Aug. 16, 1952..CIA analysis report of a Vienna news article of a UFO report from the Belgian Congo: Commander Pierre of Elisabethville Airfield was sent out to intercept two Flying Saucers. They had a diam. of 12 to 15 meters with a stationary central hub with visible portholes and an extremely fast rotating outer disk that glowed as if on fire. Color similar to aluminum. They emitted a loud whistling sound which could be heard over his own engines. He estimated their speed at over 1500 kilometers/hour. (see 7/52)

Aug. 20, 1952..Memorandum for Director CIA: the DCI, after a briefing by OSI on the subject of UFOs, directed the preparation of an NSCID for submission to the Council stating the need for investigation and directing agencies concerned to cooperate in such investigations. It was decided that Dr. Whitman, chairman of P&DB, would investigate undertaking R&D studies through Air Force agencies. Signed: H. Marshall Chadwell. (see continuation of thisbriefing, 11/25/52).

Aug. 23, 1952..CIA analysis report of an Athens news article of an UFO landing in Communist Berlin, Germany: Former Mayor of Gleimershausen, Oscar Linke and his 11 year old daughter, Gabriella, spotted a landed Flying Saucer near the town of Hasselbach. The huge "frying pan" was approx. 13 to 15 meters in diameter and had two rows of holes on its periphery, about 30 centimeters in circumference. The space between the two rows was about 0.45 meters. On top was a black conical object about 3 meters high. Two men dressed in shiny metallic clothing were

standing outside the craft. Upon hearing my daughters voice the two men retreated into the UFO which then began to rotate. As the UFO began to spin the conical tower slid down into the UFO and the UFO began to rise and rotate like a top. It seemed to be supported by the conical tower that was now underneath it. (more details were included in report, see 02/23/55) [See also the movie "Earth vs. the F.S."]

Sep. 19, 1952..Air Ministry, London: A number of airmen and officers of the R.A. F., Topcliffe, observed an UFO. As it descended it was swinging in a pendular motion like a falling leaf. Pendulous motion ceased and object began rotary motion about its own axis. Suddenly accelerated at an incredible speed.

(9/19/52, cont'd) It was not identifiable with any known aircraft and acceleration was in excess of that of a shooting star! Craft was silver in color and circular.

Sep. 20, 1952..An UFO similar to the Topcliffe one (see 9/19/52) is sighted over a U.S. Carrier ship out with the fleet between England and Scandinavia. An American photographer doing a story of the fleet exercise took pictures of the UFO which was ascertained not to have been a balloon. The Navy never released the photos of the UFO. (see 9/19/52)

Sep. 21, 1952..Six RAF jets on maneuvers over the North Sea saw a "sphere" heading towards them, coming from the direction of the English fleet. It was tracked on radar then disappeared and reappeared

behind them. One Meteor pilot attempted an intercept but was completely outrun by the UFO. Capt. Ruppelt was later told by RAF Intelligence that the incidents of the past three days caused the RAF to officially recognize the UFO situation. (see 7/52; 6/24/53)

Oct. 2, 1952...SECRET MEMO to Director CIA from H. Marshall Chadwell, Assistant Director of Scientific Intelligence: ATIC is the only group devoting appreciable effort to the study of UFOs. Flying Saucers pose two elements of danger to the United States. The first involves mass psychological considerations and the second concerns vulnerability of the U.S. to air attack. Recommend that the DCI discuss this subject with the Psychological Strategy Board. (see 11/25/52)

Oct. 27, 1952..Air Intelligence MEMO: "Some military officials are seriously considering the possibility of (UFOs being) interplanetary ships.

Nov. 18, 1952..MAJESTIC-12 briefing document to President (elect) Eisenhower from Admiral R. Hillenkoetter (MJ-1).

Nov. 25, 1952..(cont'd briefing from 8/20/52): Memorandum for Director CIA: Another meeting by A-2 and ATIC personnel was held on this date. UFOs must have immediate attention. UFOs have been sighted at great altitudes and at high speeds in the vicinity of major U.S. defense installations and can NOT be attributed to natural phenomena or KNOWN types of aerial vehicles. OSI is proceeding to establish an immediate PRIORITY research and development on UFOs under the aegis of CANIS.

Signed: H. Marshall Chadwell. (see 8/10/52; 10/2/52; 11/25/52)

Dec. 2, 1952...Statement by H. Marshall Chadwell, Assistant Director of Scientific Intelligence, CIA: "The reports of (UFO) incidents convince us that there is something going on that must have immediate attention. (see 10/2/52; 11/25/52)

1953.....Director of Project Blue Book, Capt. Ruppelt stated: "Two RAF Intelligence Officers who were in the U.S. on a classified mission brought six single-spaced typed pages of questions they and their friends wanted answered regarding UFOs. (see 9/21/52)

1953?.....Pilot (name withheld) stated, "a saucer crashed in a desert area". He was sure that it was just inside the Arizona border. He also saw the bodies first-hand at Wright-Patterson AFB. The crates arrived at night by DC-7. Description of bodies: approx. 4 ft. high. Resting un-shrouded on a special blanket on dry ice. Heads were hairless, narrow, disproportionately large for their bodies. Skin had brown tint. Open eyes, small mouth, indistinct nose, hands and feet. Wore tight fitting, dark colored suites. One Alien appeared to be female. One Alien had been alive at the crash sight but attempts to save its' life with oxygen failed.

Jan., 1953.....The ROBERTSON PANEL convenes, headed by Prof. H.P. Robertson. He was chosen because of being renowned as a nuclear physicist. Some of the persons involved with this panel were Capt. Ruppelt, Dr. Allen Hynek, Prof. S. GOUDSMIT/ L. ALVAREZ Sam Goudsmit,

Prof. Luis Alvarez, Dr. Lloyd Berkner and Prof. Thornton Page.

Jan. 26, 1953..The Dept. of Defense, Washington, D.C. states in a letter to the Henry Holt & Co. that Maj. Donald Keyhoes' book on "flying saucers" is accurate and that if the reported controlled maneuvers of the saucers are accurate then the saucers may be from another planet. Signed, Albert M. Chop, Air Force Press Desk. (see 9/15/50)

May 20, 1953...Kingman, Ariz.: Dr. Ed Doll orders Fritz Werner to report for special duty the next day. (Indian Springs AFB. see 5/21/53)

May 21, 1953...Kingman, Ariz.: Fritz Werner (pseudonym), engineer at Wright-Patterson AFB, assisted in the investigation of a crashed UFO. It was constructed of an unfamiliar metal, similar to aluminum [magnesium?]. It had impacted 20 inches into the sand without any signs of structural damage. It was oval and 30 ft. in diam. An opened hatchway was 3 1/2 ft. long and 1 1/2 ft. wide. Inside the craft were 2 swivel seats, oval cabin and lots of instrumentation and displays. A tent pitched nearby contained the corpse of the pilot. It was approx. 4 ft. tall and had a brown complexion, two eyes, a small round mouth, two nostrils [no nose?], and two ears. It wore a silvery metallic-like suite and a skull cap of the same material.

Summer, 1953...Saucer crash lands near Camp Polk, Louisiana. US Army Pvt. H.J. (initials) under Sgt. R.S. (initials) in Company B ordered

to stay by the saucer until the ambulance and superior officers arrive. Three Aliens walked away from the crash. One Alien was carried on a stretcher. All aliens eventually died, taken to storage facility near Washington D.C. Alien description: Large helmeted heads, tight fitting suits, legs stiff when they walked, 3.5 to 4.0 feet tall, used Alien language.

June 24, 1953..USAF EMERGENCY Intelligence Report: Two jets out of Quonset Point have had mid-air collision at 2130E with UFO. American and Eastern Airlines pilots reported UFO. Jets fell in flames 15 miles West of Quonset Point. (see 9/21/52)

June 26, 1953..USAF Intelligence Report, EMERGENCY JEDUP JEDEN JEDFF JEPHQ JEPRS 555. Distribution: OOP, OOP-CP, OAC, ARMY, NAVY, JCS, CIA, NSA, Tech Intelligence Center Wright Patterson AFB. (see 06/24/53 for details of report)

July 19, 1953..CONFIDENTIAL Message to the Adjutant General, Wash. 25 D.C.: An F-86 aircraft was observed in flight over the Oak Ridge residential area by a writer and his wife. While observing the F-86 through 6 power field glasses an UFO, black in color, moved out of a high white cloud directly over the area where the F-86 had been circling. The UFO began circling at a tremendous speed for at least 5 minutes. It appeared at times to be cigar shaped and at other times to be round in shape. No sound or visible means of propulsion was observed from the UFO. It flew away at tremendous speed for 3 miles where it was joined by 2 other UFOs into a 'V' formation and sped

away.(see 7/27/53)

July 26, 1953..EMERGENCY message to Air Defence Command: CIRVIS 3346N 9632W sighted 7 UFOs hovering at altitude of 5 to 8 thousand feet near Perrin Tower, TX. Visually observed by citizens of Denison and Sherman, TX. The UFOs were grouped in a Z (Zebra) formation, then circled to higher altitudes and faded from sight. Each UFO had one bright red light on it.

July 27, 1953..SECURITY INFORMATION, CONFIDENTIAL MESSAGE to Adjutant General, Wash. 25 D.C. (see 7/19/53)

Aug. 26, 1953..Regulation AFR 200-2 issued to Air Force personnel for reporting UFOs. (see 8/12/54) PROCEDURES

Nov. 2, 1953...Changes updated for UFO reporting. New Regulation AFR 200-2A.

1953.....Project xxxxxx (name CENSURED) established by President Eisenhower and renamed Project AQUARIUS (1960, 1968)

Winter, 1953...Salisbury Plain, England: Flight Lt. C.G. Townsend-Withers was flying an experimental Canberra aircraft at 55,000 ft. when he picked up on the new experimental radar an UFO following his plane. The science officer went up to the turret for a visual and spotted a circular craft five miles behind them. They tried to outpace the UFO by accelerating to 225 knots but it kept up with their plane.

Townsend-Withers initiated a wide sweeping turn and lost radar contact with the UFO but came into direct visual on a collision course with the UFO. Then the UFO flipped vertically in the air and climbed from 50 to 70 thousand feet, as quickly as you could say it. Description: Round, thin disc with two tail fins at the rear, appearing metallic and enormous. Leaving no vapor trail, wake or detectable sound, it vanished within a couple of seconds up into the blue sky.

Dec. 8, 1953...CIA Evaluation of the UFO situation: It was pleased to note that the number of sightings had decreased dramatically, due, it believed, to the success of its' implemented policies. Some sightings still would have "possible scientific intelligence value". The CIA concluded that the panel's (name?) recommendations might have been interpreted by saucer believers as "debunking".

Feb. 6, 1954...CONFIDENTIAL Air Force Staff MESSAGE: (DTG 061800Z) >From Commander 19, A-Division, Carswell AFB, TX,: UFO sighted over base. Had long fuselage, elliptical wings, stabilizer and no visible means of propulsion. It was larger than a B-36, had no tail, left no trail of exhaust and emitted no sound. Passed directly over tower at an Alt. of 3000 to 4000 ft. and was visible to all persons on duty. The UFO, when viewed on 10 mile scope gave a return of 1 inch. Copy of this report sent to: CSAF, WASH DC; COMDR ADC, ENT AFB, COLO; COMDR ATINTEL, CRT WPAFB, OHIO; COMDR 8TH AF, CARSWELL AFB, TEX.

Feb. 20, 1954..Supposedly, some people think, President Eisenhower went to see the captured saucers and recovered bodies at Hanger-18,

instead (according to his press agent) of being at the dentist. (see 4/12/54

Apr. 12, 1954..Between 6:30 and 7:15 PM a saucer crashed in the desert, N.M. K.A. (initials) and Rescue Team 4 were sent from Roswell AFB toinvestigate the crashed disc. The saucer was 40-50 ft. in diameter. There were 4 dead Aliens scattered about the desert by the saucer. Alien description (seen from helicopter at 30 ft. alt.): Height was between 4.0 to 4.5 ft. Large proportioned heads, no helmets. Tight fitting dark blue suite. Faces, under 'copter spotlight, were light green with a luminous tint. The saucer was stored in Hanger-18, Top Security. Hanger-18 was later expanded to 9 stories high and 11 stories deep with heavy refrigeration equipment, radar equip., and sophisticated computer equip. (see 2/10/54; 4/24/54; 3/7/55)

Apr. 24, 1954..A saucer crashed at Bandelier, N.M., as reported by K.A. (initials) of the Roswell, N.M. Rescue Team 4. (see 4/12/54)

Aug. 12, 1954..EMERGENCY CIA MESSAGE: sighted Saucer hovering at 2000 ft. above Maxwell AFB, Alabama. Dispatched local helicopter NBR ARMY267 to investigate. Definitely NOT a star. Helicopters fuel low, returned to base. In coming helicopter ARMY294 proceeded toward UFO which then completely disappeared. Pilot of ARMY294 lost sight of it, would be glad to be called upon to verify saucer light. Pilots of Army helicopters were: R.T. Wade, 506th helicopter Co., U.S. Tarma, also of the 506th, Ft. Genning, GA.

Aug. 12, 1954..New updated reporting of UFOs. Regulation AFR 200-2, (see Aug. 26, 1953), by order of N.F. Twining (MJ-4), Chief of Staff, USAF.

1954.....Project SIGMA established as part of Project xxxx (name CENSURED). Became a separate project in 1976.

June 29, 1954..A BOAC Strato Cruiser (British Airways) on a trans Atlantic flight with Capt. James Howard in command was traveling at 260 knots at 19,000 ft. when the crew saw a large CIGAR shaped UFO with six smaller UFOs flying close to it. Among the others to witness these events were First Officer Lee Boyd and Navigator Capt. H. McDonnell. After 15 minutes of observing the UFOs, Capt. Howard radioed Goose Bay, Canada, for backup escort, upon which the smaller UFOs entered the bigger Cigar shaped one which then shot away. Upon landing, Howard and Boyd were debriefed by intelligence officers and their flight logs were confiscated by USAF personnel.

Jul. 14, 1954..MEMO to General Nathan F. Twining (MJ-4) requesting his presence at an MAJESTIC-12 meeting with President Eisenhower on July 16. Jul. 16, 1954..SECRET meeting between Gen. Nathan Twining (MJ-4) and President Eisenhower.

Aug., 1954.....Statement by Air Chief Marshall Lord Dowding, head of the RAF during WWII: "Of course the flying saucers are real! And, they are inter planetary!" (see 9/23/47; 10/9/55)

Oct. 14, 1954..North Weald Airfield, Essex, England: Flight Lt. Jimmy Salandin took off in his Meteor jet at 4:15 pm and climbeder and a bun shaped dome underneath and was silvery in color. It flew close enough to his jet to overlap his windshield.

Feb. 23, 1955..Broadlands Archives Record: Sworn statement by Lord Mountbatten and Frederick Briggs describing a Saucer that landed on Lord Mountbattens property. It was shaped like a child's humming top, between 10 to 30 ft. diameter. Looked like kitchen saucepan. Had cylindrical column about the size of a man descending from the center. Had portholes all around the middle, like a steamer boat. I noticed a man standing on the end of the central column. He was dressed in a dark suit of overalls, and wearing a close fitting hat or helmet. As the Saucer powered up a bright blue light came from one of the portholes (like a mercury-vapor lamp). A force knocked me over. The Flying Saucer proceeded to rise and retract the central column. (see 08/23/52)[See movie "Earth vs. the F.S."]

Mar. 7, 1955... K.A. (initials) from Rescue Team 4, Roswell AFB, N.M. given a general discharge from the USAF because he told his Sergeant aboutthe Top Secret recovery of a UFO on April 12, 1954. (see 4/12/54)

July 12, 1955..Unusual UFOB report from Pepperrel AFB, Newfoundland. UFO sighted by a tanker aircraft (KC 97) pilot and ground radar. "Unusual" in that the pilot of the Archie 29 called direction changes of the UFO to ground radar which correlated exactly with those painted

by the radar scope. This observation went on for 49 minutes. Signed: Todos M. Odarenko.

Oct. 9,1955....General Douglas McArthur states, "The nations of the world will have to unite--for the next war will be an interplanetary war. The nations of the Earth must someday make a common front against attack by people from other planets." (see 8/54)

Late 1956.....Castle AFB, California: A.A. and J.R. (names withheld) were flying F-86's near Modesto, CA, on alert duty due to civilian UFO reports in a nearby town. Base instructed them to return because their was an UFO near the control tower. With afterburners on they closed rapidly on a luminous elliptical UFO that moved above and below cloud cover at 10 to 12 thousand feet as if to elude them. The two pilots played cat-and-mouse with the UFO until they ran low of fuel and returned to base. Local citizens that witnessed these events were told by the Air Force that the pilots had been chasing ducks or geese.

Oct. 2, 1956...Trenton, NJ: Harry Sturdevant, a night watchman of some 20 years, said, "a red light in the sky" shot at him. This UFO had no wings, fins or propulsion sounds, except for the sound of "escaping steam". It was about 60 to 100 ft. in diam. and cigar shaped. The UFO gave him "the greatest shock of my life". There was a nauseating smell like sulfur and brimstone. He lost the sense of taste and smell and couldn't swallow properly.

(10/2/56, cont'd) He collapsed on the ground and was unable to move

for half an hour, after which he managed to drive to his home and call for aid. Six weeks later, a New Jersey workmen's compensation referee decided that Sturdevant should be paid for medical expenses incurred for the injury done by the UFO.

Aug. 31, 1957..In a letter about UFOs to a constituent, Senator Barry Goldwater said, "I, frankly, feel there is a great deal to this."

Oct. 4, 1957..."Sputnik I" was launched and obtained orbit by the Russians. (see 11/12/57)

Nov. 2, 1957...Levelland, TX: Multiple landings on roadways, E-M (electro-magnetic) effects, etc. Sheriff Weir Clem was sent out to search the roads as a result of earlier UFO reports and saw a reddish oval crossing the road and illuminating the pavement. Ronald Martin saw an UFO land in front of his truck and turn from red to bluish-green at which time the truck's electrical system failed. It then turned reddish again and took off. Within the next few hours an Army Jeep Patrol at White Sands, N.M., reported an egg-shaped UFO that descended to about 50 yards above a bunker used during the first A-bomb explosion. This wave of sightings continued for 2-3 weeks. After retirement in 1975, Sheriff W. Clem gave a more graphic description of the UFO he saw: "The object was shaped like a huge football and had bright white lights. No living human could believe how fast it travelled. The thing was as bright as day. It lit up the whole area." In an interview in 1977, Sheriff Clem said, "After the publicity of UFOs over the next few days, the number of witnesses to them rose to

about a hundred people."(see 11/5/57)

Nov. 5, 1957...A single investigator from Project Blue Book headquarters arrived at Levelland, TX, and interviewed only two persons who had stalled cars and reported that all the UFO activity in Texas between Nov. 2-4 was the result of a "rather heavy electrical storm...All witnesses saw the same streak of lightning...which stimulated the populace into a high level of excitement....and resulted in an inflation of stories by some witnesses." (see 11/2/57)

Nov. 12, 1957..FBI STATUS REPORT: "Ever since the Russians release 'Sputnik' there has been a great increase in the number of flying saucers and other UFOs reportedly seen by people all over the U.S." [Angle: Artificial satellite spurs Alien interest in mankind. Other Angle: Artificial satellite causes populace to go sky crazy.] (see 10/4/57; 8/15/60)

May, 1958.....Malstrom AFB, Montana: Just after midnight an UFO approached the alert hanger where one guard was standing on duty. At about 1000 ft. altitude.

(May, 1958, cont'd) The UFO appeared as a round metallic looking object (called a "Flying Saucer" by the guard). The base radar and FAA radar picked up the UFO as it was apparently hovering over the alert hanger and the atomic bomb storage nearby. The saucer then moved slowly down the length of runway and then proceeded across town to the Muni Airport at Great Falls and hovered over the National Guard

parking ramp for the F-89's and then flew off.

Dec. 20, 1958..Dunellen, NJ: Patrolmen LeRoy A. Arboreen and B. Talada while on patrol suddenly spotted a glowing red object which came directly toward them at a phenomenal rate of speed from the West, Increasing rapidly in size, then coming to an abrupt stop, it was ellipsoid in shape and solid bright red while giving off a pulsating glow. After hovering a few seconds it went straight up like a shot and faded beyond the stars. Visibility: unlimited. Apr. 1, 1959...Orting, WA: An Air Force C-118 transport plane with four passengers suddenly radioed in "MAYDAY, we've been hit!" Col. R.E. Booth told reporters that a mid-air collision had taken place at 8:19 p.m. APRG (Aerial Phenomena Research Group) investigators determined that from 7:00 p.m. onthrough the early evening several mysterious aerial explosions had shaken the Seattle, WA, area. Several residents had reported seeing mysterious UFOs from 20 miles north of the crash scene to about 8 miles southeast of it. These sightings were confirmed by the Orting Chief of Police and by Public Information Officer at McChord AFB. Several persons told APRG investigator, R. Gribble, that as the C-118 passed over their area it was followed by 2 parachute-shaped objects and that the C-118 was missing its' tail assembly. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones reported 3 or 4 parachute-shaped UFOs following the C-118 as it passed over their home. Chief of Police, Fred Emard, told R. Gribble that he would be glad to furnish information on the UFOs to APRG, but changed his mind the next day after an interview with an Air Force Colonel. "The Chief and other officials of Orting had been silenced," Gribble reported. (see 9/29/59; 5/61)

Sept.29,1959...Maj. R.O. Braswell, while flying an C-47 at 6500 ft. alt., spotted an UFO. "It was colored like a large red fire and looked like an atomic cloud", he stated. At about 5 degrees above my plane it appeared massive and was at about 13000 ft. alt. The UFO appeared to be about 1000 ft. thick (top to bottom). Billie Guyton of Centerville, TX, also observed the UFO and said that he observed a smaller UFO emerge from it. Another ground observer, Jackie J. Cox, schoolteacher, saw a "bright light in the sky that spread to cover the entire sky." W.S. Webb of Buffalo, N.Y., glanced out his bedroom window and saw a ball of fire shooting through the sky, after which he heard a noise, as if something was falling from the sky. The next day Braniff Airways' Flight 542, carrying 28 passengers and 6 crew members, was found shredded in a thousand pieces. Subsequent inquiry found that there had been no fire or explosion aboard the jet before or after the crash and that scorch marks found on the exterior windows, fuselage and parted tail section showed signs of having been exposed to tremendous exterior heat. Also the force causing the plane to come down did not come from within the plane. Radar Operator, E.H. Tindale, later told investigators that he had plotted an UFO twice on the night Flight 542 crashed. Both plots of the UFO were in the area where the wreckage of the airliner was found. The UFO was stationary both times it was tracked. (see 4/1/59; 5/61)

1959.....Project SIGMA meets with success and establishes contact with Aliens. (see 4/15/64)

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